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ULBRICHT ANNOUNCES CHANGE -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 3 Jul 51

Berlin (DPA) 28 June -- Walter Ulbricht, Deputy Minister-President of the German Democratic Republic, informed the SED Politburo in a session held on or about 27 June that he had met with Andrei Gromyko, G. M. Pushkin, and V. S. Seminov [Semenov?] in East Berlin. He announced a reorientation of Soviet policy, which will place greater weight on the German Democratic Republic. No details were mentioned.

The problems of raw material bottlenecks in the German Democratic Republic and the rise of unemployment were also discussed at the Politburo meeting.

In a circular letter recently issued by the Ministry of Labor of the German Democratic Republic, the use of the word "unemployed" was forbidden.

WORKERS RIOT IN CHEMNITZ -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 30 Jul 51

Berlin (DPA) -- Labor conflicts in the Sachsen industrial area have given cause for serious alarm to SED circles in the German Democratic Republic. The first disturbance occurred about 10 days ago in Chemnitz, resulting in some 40 members of the FDJ (Free German Youth) being led away handcuffed. Rioting next broke out in the state-operated Astra works, in Chemnitz. Functionaries of the Communist FDGB (League of Free German Trade Unions) had confronted the plant's workers with a collective agreement which provided for increased work productivity with no change in basic wages. The plant's personnel, well over a thousand workers, refused to enter into the agreement and shouted down the FDGB representatives.

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TRAIN PEOPLE'S JUDGES -- Buenos Aires, Argentinisches Tageblatt, 4 Jun 51

Fifty percent of all judges in the German Democratic Republic have been trained as people's judges in special courses, Judge Walther Rosenthal of Berlin, member of the Investigating Committee of Liberal Jurists, stated in a speech held at the University of Kiel. The schooling of these people's judges consisted primarily of political training. Of the lawyers in the German Democratic Republic, 82.3 percent have already attained the status of people's prosecutors, thereby having been shifted from the legal profession to the highest level of officialdom, such as exists in the USSR.

The most important criminal procedures involve political and economic charges. In such cases the conduct of the trial and the verdict are predetermined, under supervision of the control organs. Civil and labor laws exist only nominally in the German Democratic Republic, according to Rosenthal. The execution of sentences is entirely in the hands of the People's Police. Thousands of persons have disappeared mysteriously after arrest by the State Security Service.

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